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1. LOCAL MEDIA REPORTED 12/27 ON PLO DELEGATION'S AUDIENCE WITH DRM PRESIDENT DIDIER RATSIRAKA AND ON PLO PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AT MFA.

2. PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA, TO WHOM DELEGATION PRESENTED LETTER FROM PLO LEADER YASSER ARAFAT, SAID THAT MADAGASCAR WILL ALWAYS SUPPORT OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE. HE ACCUSED IMPERIALISTS OF WANTING TO SABOTAGE MADAGASCAR'S FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH MEMBER COUNTRIES OF OAU AND WITH COMOROS, PROFITING BY THE PRESENT EVENTS IN MADAGASCAR (PRESUMABLY THE FIGHTING BETWEEN MALAGASY AND COMORIANS IN MAJUNGA, REF B). HE ADDED THAT IMPERIALISTS HAVE ALREADY DIVIDED ARAB COUNTRIES AND ARE TRYING TO SEPARATE MALAGASY PEOPLE FROM PALESTINIANS, WHOSE
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JUST STRUGGLE THE MALAGASY SUPPORT. HE CONCLUDED BY WISHING THEM SUCCESS AND TOTAL VICTORY IN THEIR STRUGGLE.

3. DELEGATION, WHICH HAD MEETINGS WITH SEVERAL HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, WAS INTRODUCED AT PRESS CONFERENCE BY DIRECTOR OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, HENRI RAZAFINDRATOVO. IN HIS COMMENTS TO PRESS, HEAD OF PLO DELEGATION SAID HIS

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ORGANIZATION IS VICTIM OF CONSTANT AGGRESSION FROM ZIONISM AND AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, AND ACCUSED WASHIGTON OF BEING ROOT CAUSE OF ATTACKS ON PLO IN JORDAN AND LEBANON.

4. LOCAL MEDIA PUBLISHED 12/28 JOINT PLO-GDRM COMMUNIQUE SIGNED AT TERMINATION OF PLO DELEGATION'S VISIT. IN COMMUNIQUE, PARTIES REAFFIRMED THEIR BELIEF THAT PLO IS SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THAT ANY SOLUTION TO CONFLICT IN MIDDLE EAST REQUIRES FULL AND COMPLETE COOPERATION OF PLO. COMMUNIQUE ALSO DENOUNCED CONSTANT PLOTTING AGAINST PALESTINIAN PEOPLE BY IMPERIALISTS, REACTIONARIES, AND ISRAEL. PARTIES AGREED TO DEVELOP CLOSER TIES OF COOPERATION IN ALL DOMAINS, ESPECIALLY AT NEXT AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT TO BE HELD IN CAIRO MARCH 1977. TO THIS END, PLO REP FOUAD AL BITAR WAS NAMED PLO REP TO MADAGASCAR, THOUGH HE WILL CONTINUE TO RESIDE IN DAR ES SALAAM. SHEINBAUM

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